7. No special reason. He is, however, the son of a pensioner who was an officer in the Education Department for over 30 years.

8. No special reason.

(d) Yes.

(e) Those who were seniors in service to Messrs. A. R. Subrahmanya Ayyar and K. R. Rama Ayyar, Nos. 3 and 5, referred to in answer to question (a), were wanting in experience of Intermediate work.

(f) 1. Tattamangalam
2. Palayannur
3. Irinjalakkuda
4. Chennamangalam
5. Cranganur
6. Ernakulam
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Cattle grazing ground in Tiruvankulam.

33. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the place called Trikkattara in Tiruvankulam village was reserved for cattle grazing;

(b) was the same place since assigned to anybody; if so to whom and at what rate and the extent of the plot;

(c) whether the intention to assign was duly notified;

(d) were there any other prior applicants for the same place, and if so, what were their terms, and how their applications were disposed of;

(e) the special reasons for the present assignment, if any;

(f) to place on the table copies of correspondence regarding the same ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) Two portions of the hill covering in all 14 acres were assigned recently in the name of Rama Varma, the 40th Tampuran, after levying land value at Rs. 20 per acre.

(c) The sense of the people of the locality was ascertained, and there was no objection from any one to the assignment.

(d) There were two applicants for the assignment of the entire hillock in 1083. They offered no terms. Their applications were not granted.

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(e) The Tampuran applied for the land for the purpose of building a palace for his use on this old palace site, andthe people of the locality welcomed the idea of a Tampuran living in their midst. The local Panchayat also agreed to the assignment.

(f) The Government do not consider that any public purpose will be served by placing the papers on the table.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—"Two portions of the hill were assigned". Were there other instances where grazing grounds were assigned to the public?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there many instances or are they rare?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—If the Member wants a list of them, if he will go over to my office, I can give them.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Where are the two portions of the hill assigned—on the top or at the bottom of the hill?

President.—One portion is on the side of the hill, and the other portion is just below the summit of the hill. The top is not assigned.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer given to my first portion was that places which were not found useful for grazing were assigned. Am I to understand that the top of the hill is useful for grazing?

President.—It depends on the condition of the locality.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know whether the condition of this hill is like that—whether the top is used for grazing and the bottom not?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The whole of that is not fit for grazing. It is not used for grazing. Still we want a small portion as a sort of open ground. There, there is not even a blade of grass; all is gravel.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer was that it was reserved for grazing.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Whether grass will grow or not, that place has been reserved for grazing. Those things were not done on any scientific principle. It was done 20 years ago. No scientific enquiry has been conducted as to whether grass can be grown or will grow there. Some areas, some *ozhivustalam* of a vague description, have been reserved.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So it was kept as a *poramboke* and not specially for grazing?

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Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No, not specially for grazing.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When there were other applications—here it is said that there were two—when they applied, was the sense of the people of the locality ascertained?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—That took place 20 years before. It was in 1083 or so.

President.—When the applications were granted, was it done after ascertaining the sense of the people? Do the records show that the people of the locality were consulted?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—All this took place in 1083. I cannot say what all took place at that time.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was that advertised and the sense of the people of the locality ascertained? How can we know the sense of the people outside?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I would refer the Member to *the Land Revenue Manual* according to which no Gazette advertisement or notification is necessary. A notice is published on the spot. The local bodies are shown this notice, and they will sign that. Local bodies and Panchayats and all these people will be consulted. That is the nature of the enquiry now conducted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were these two applicants asked whether they required it or not? Were they consulted?

President.—It is now nearly 20 years. Are they alive now?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—We cannot say these things definitely.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is this Tampuran, the Special Palace Officer, who has recently gone to England?

President.—Yes.

Students and politics.

34. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether students are allowed to take part in politics;

(b) Was the Nambudiri Vidyalayam closed on the 17th Mithunam 1101, and if so, on what account?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) They are not.

(b) Yes; the circumstances in which the school was closed are contained in the Senior Inspector's remarks appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the Appendix it is said that it was a social meeting. The meeting was held to dis-

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